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COMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF MAY 27-28 IN BONN

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1. DURING MAY 30 BRIEFING FOR THE AMBASSADOR, FONOFF

POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL REPORTED ON EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE (PC) DISCUSSION OF U.S./NINE AND ATLANTIC DECLARATIONS. VAN WELL RECALLED THAT THE NINE'S POSITION PREVIOUSLY HAD FAVORED DEVELOPMENT OF TWO DECLARATIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE SECRETARY'S APRIL 23, 1973 INITIATIVE. NONETHELESS, A PC CONSENSUS DEVELOPED FAVORING COOPERATION IN DEVELOPMENT OF ATLANTIC DOCUMENT WHICH WOULD NOT BE DEPENDENT UPON U.S./EC-9 DECLARATION.

2. VAN WELL SAID HE BELIEVED ALL OF THE EC-9 WOULD BE PREPARED TO GO ALONG WITH AN "ATLANTIC DECLARATION," AS OPPOSED TO SIMPLY AN EXPANDED COMMUNIQUE OR ANNEX, ALTHOUGH NO DECISION WAS TAKEN. VAN WELL SAID THEY WANTED AS SUBSTANTIAL A DECLARATION AS WAS POSSIBLE.

3. AS REPORTED BONN 8504 (EXDIS - NOTAL), VAN WELL EMPHASIZED THAT EIGHT OF THE NINE AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ELIMINATE REFERENCE TO EUROPEAN POLITICAL UNION "WHICH APPEARED IN THE ORIGINAL (FRENCH) DRAFT OF THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION." ON THIS LATTER POINT, THE BRITISH REP WAS RECEPTIVE BUT NONCOMMITTAL. THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THE U.S. READINESS TO BE GUIDED BY THE ALLIED CONSENSUS ON THIS POINT.

4. IN CLOSING, VAN WELL ASSERTED THAT THE NINE'S PRESENT READINESS TO SET ASIDE A U.S./EC DECLARATION SHOULD NOT BE MISINTERPRETED. HE SAID THE FRG CONTINUES TO HOLD THE OPINION THAT "THE QUESTION AND CHALLENGE OF DEVELOPING AND IMPROVING THE MECHANISM OF U.S./EC RELATIONS WILL REMAIN WITH US IN THE FUTURE, WHETHER ONE SPEAKS OF DECLARATIONS, OF CONSTRUCTIVE OR INSTITUTIONALIZED DIALOGUE." VAN WELL EXPRESSED THE CONVICTION THAT THIS MATTER WOULD BE PICKED UP IN THE FUTURE WHEN BOTH SIDES WERE READY. IN THE MEANTIME, HE STATED THAT EC POSITION CONTINUES TO BE REFLECTED IN THE MARCH 4 DRAFT WHICH HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE USG. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS DRAFT COULD BE IMPROVED, NOTING IN THIS CONNECTION GISCARD'S RECENT REFERENCE TO "PARTNERSHIP."

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